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CLAREMONT COLLEGES TO ACQUIRE FOOTHILL BOULEVARD PROPERTY

CLAREMONT, Calif. –After a long, thoughtful and forward looking discussion by the Claremont University Consortium Board, unanimous agreement was reached to sell the 36 acres on the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Mills Avenue to the three Northern undergraduate Colleges that currently have the smallest campus footprints: Pitzer, Scripps, and Harvey Mudd colleges. The consortium institutions are in unanimous agreement that the property should be sold by the Claremont University Consortium to the three colleges to be utilized in a manner consistent with their long-term strategic planning. With approval from the Claremont City Council, parceling will commence immediately. Pitzer has plans underway to preserve the existing land and to renovate the old infirmary to be used for interdisciplinary academic work on sustainability and the environment. While Scripps and Harvey Mudd colleges do not have immediate plans for use of the property, over the next several years, they will explore potential uses of the land to achieve long-term institutional priorities.

Pitzer's plan includes renovation of an existing building on the site, which was originally designed by the noted Southern California architectural firm Marston and Mayberry in the early years of the Consortium. This building was once used as the infirmary for The Claremont Colleges. Pitzer will assume the cost of renovating the building and in doing so will expend every effort to make this project a model of sustainable renovation. Upon completion of this historic land sale from the Claremont University Consortium to Pitzer, Scripps and Harvey Mudd Colleges, the adjacent parcel known publicly as the Bernard Field Station will be declared a permanent field laboratory as a resource for the consortium biology programs and the Five-College Environmental Analysis program.

This is immensely positive and important news for The Claremont Colleges.

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